

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SENIOR HEALTH AND FITNESS DAY

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Senior Health and Fitness Day, the nation's largest annual health promotion event for older Americans.

The contributions and sacrifices made by the senior citizen community are invaluable. Some have proudly served our country overseas and abroad. Others, through their ingenuity and innovations, have paved the way for the United States' leadership in technology. They are the very foundation of this country's evolution.

By the year 2030, approximately one in five U.S. residents will be a member of the senior citizen community and we must ensure that our seniors will have access to resources that will aide them in living strong and healthy lives.

Today, I'm proud to partner with the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, Acacia Adult Day Services and Community SeniorServ to host the National Senior Health and Fitness Day in my district.

In celebration of this important day, seniors in my district will have access to free fitness classes, healthy foods cooking demonstrations and brain stimulating exercises.

In honor of National Senior Health and Fitness Day, I encourage all our seniors to join in on the exciting activities taking place throughout our respective communities and to stay active physically, mentally and spiritually.

HAL DAVID'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 90th birthday of a great songwriter, lyricist, advocate, and leading voice of America's artistic community: Hal David.

The child of immigrants blessed with an extraordinary talent, Hal David has lived—and continues to live—the American dream. He used his musical gifts in service of our country as part of the U.S. Army Entertainment Section on the Pacific front during World War II. He returned home to write songs for the nation's top performers; produce Grammy-winning Broadway masterpieces and Oscar-winning lyrics; and partner with great composers to create soundtracks for stage and screen, and popular hits that remain classics to this day.

For his achievements, his success, his creativity, and his contributions to our history and society, Hal David was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame and the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame.

On behalf of his colleagues—whether leaders in the field, famous faces, or those struggling to earn their place in the pantheon of great artists—Hal David has advocated for the rights of all performers and writers in the halls of Congress and in our nation's public discourse.

As President of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, he focused on key legislative issues facing music creators, led the charge against source licensing efforts, and oversaw the organization's increased presence in the field of country music. As Chairman and CEO of the Songwriters Hall of Fame, he invested in new technologies and an expanded digital presence for the institution, and strengthened the Grammy Museum in Los Angeles.

Hal David has spent his career enriching our music, our culture, our society, and our nation. His story is a tribute to his desire to do what he loved, his willingness to work hard, his ability to succeed and thrive across generations, and his creativity. I join my colleagues in the House of Representatives, and fans of music across the country, in wishing Hal David a happy and healthy 90th birthday.

RECOGNIZING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF ATHERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, Atherton Community Schools will celebrate the 175th anniversary of the school district's start on May 29th in Burton, MI. An All School Class Reunion is planned to celebrate the occasion.

The Atherton Settlement was founded by three brothers: Perus, Shubael and Adonijah. The settlement grew to 30 farming families and the Settlement school was founded in 1836. The first teacher was Adonijah's daughter, Betsey Atherton. She held the teacher's position in the single-room schoolhouse for 20 years. The Atherton Agricultural School, as it was known at the time, remained a 1 room schoolhouse for over 100 years. In 1940, an 8-room schoolhouse was built to accommodate the growing community. In 1946, the Atherton School District combined with the Howe and Casper districts. Until 1954 classes were only offered through the eighth grade. If a student wanted to continue their education beyond that grade level, they had to transfer to Bendle, Flint Central or Davison High Schools. In 1954, Atherton Schools graduated its first high school class of about 18 students.

Currently, the Atherton School District holds classes in the Vern Van Y Elementary School, Atherton Middle School and Atherton High School. Graduates have gone on to fill roles in the spectrum of society including doctors and judges.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the alumni, educators, students, staff, parents and supporters for their commitment to education and community. I commend them for 175 years of continuous education, and I wish them the best in the coming years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I regret missing floor votes on Tuesday, May 24,

2011. Had I registered my vote, I would have voted:

1. "Nay" on rollcall 333, On Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule—Consideration of H.R. 1216 to amend the Public Health Service Act to convert funding for graduate medical education in teaching health centers from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations; consideration of H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act, FY 2012; and waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII.

2. "Nay" on rollcall 334, On Agreeing to the Resolution (H. Res. 269)—Consideration of H.R. 1216 to amend the Public Health Service Act to convert funding for graduate medical education in teaching health centers from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations; consideration of H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act, FY 2012; and waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII.

3. "Nay" on rollcall 335, On Motion that the Committee Rise—To amend the Public Health Service Act to convert funding for graduate medical education in qualified teaching health centers from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations.

4. "Yea" on rollcall 336, On Agreeing to the Amendment—Tonko of New York Amendment No. 2.

5. "Yea" on rollcall 337, On Agreeing to the Amendment—Cardoza of California Amendment No. 9.

HONORING CLAUDETTE VIOLETTE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Claudette Violette of Lewiston, ME, on her graduation after having earned her GED.

This achievement is a great personal accomplishment for Claudette. She has faced many obstacles in her life, but her work ethic and tenacity allowed her to persevere, raise her family and volunteer thousands of hours for the Lewiston/Auburn community.

She has truly found her voice with her volunteer work. Claudette volunteers for the Good Shepherd Food Bank, Red Cross Blood Drives and Salvation Army fundraising. She delivers promotional posters for L/A Arts and the Public Theatre, and assembles a multi-thousand piece mailing in hours. Claudette also helps organize a monthly French luncheon for the Franco-American Heritage Center, making 300 plus calls each month to invite attendees.

Claudette is an inspiration to both me and my staff. Her commitment and dedication to completing her high school education speaks to the strength of her character. I am so proud of Claudette's achievement and her personal growth over the 10 years that I have known her. Claudette is a well-known and well-loved member of the community, and I know she will continue to play an active role in the lives of Lewiston/Auburn residents, my staff and myself.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Claudette on her outstanding personal achievement.